

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, and 22, and cancel claim 3 without prejudice, as shown in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 22 are pending in the application.

Listing of claims:

1 (currently amended). A method to prepare an isolated nucleic acid fusion molecule having a nucleotide sequence encoding ~~the~~ a single-chain T-cell receptor comprising a variable region of a T-cell receptor (TCR) mouse TCR ~~α~~ chain fused to ~~the~~ a variable region of a mouse TCR β chain, said TCR α and TCR β chains comprising a ~~non-human~~ mouse TCR, wherein the single-chain TCR is specific for a tumor-associated antigen (TAA) and restricted by human HLA, which method comprises

- a. immunizing a transgenic ~~non-human mammal species~~ mouse, which produces human HLA, with an effective amount of said TAA to produce human HLA restricted cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTL),
 - i. wherein the human HLA restricted CTL comprise:
 - a TCR α chain nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the variable region of a TCR α chain; and
 - a TCR β chain nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the variable region of a TCR β chain; and
 - ii. wherein the human HLA restricted CTL display a TCR that is comprised of the TCR α chain and the TCR β chain, specific for said TAA and displayed in amounts sufficient to lyse tumor cells having said TAA;
- b. recovering the human HLA restricted CTL of step a;
- c. cloning or amplifying the TCR α chain nucleic acid molecule and the TCR β chain nucleic acid molecule from the human HLA restricted CTL of step b to provide a TCR α chain nucleic acid product comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the

variable region of the TCR α chain and a TCR β chain nucleic acid product comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the variable region of the TCR β chain, respectively;

d. recovering the TCR α chain nucleic acid product and the TCR β chain nucleic acid product of step c; and

e. fusing the recovered TCR α chain nucleic acid product to the recovered TCR β chain nucleic acid product to prepare the isolated fused nucleic acid molecule, wherein the fused nucleic acid molecule comprises a sequence encoding a single-chain TCR comprising a variable region of the TCR α chain fused to a variable region of the TCR β chain, wherein the single-chain TCR is specific for said TAA and human HLA restricted.

2 (currently amended). The method of claim 1 wherein said human HLA antigen is

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3 (canceled).

4 (currently amended). The method of claim 3 or claim 1, wherein the cloning or amplifying step c comprises a polymerase chain reaction using primers derived from murine TCR.

5 (previously presented). The method of claim 4 wherein said primers are set forth in Figure 6 (SEQ ID NOS: 3-42).

6-21 (canceled).

22 (currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the single chain TCR of step e comprises a TCR derivative that retains comprising a TCR α chain and a TCR β chain, wherein the TCR derivative retains the human HLA restriction and TAA-specificity characteristics of the TCR of step a.